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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yasushi AONO  
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APPARATUS AND METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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S I R :

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-9, 13-30,  
35 and 36 are canceled; claims 10-12, 31-34 and 37 are  
maintained; and claim 38 is amended.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.